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ECOSOC IN PLENARY SESSION HAS JUST ADOPTED RESOLUTION 6048,
TEXT OF WHICH FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT

CORRUPT PRACTICES, PARTICULARLY ILLICIT PAYMENTS, IN INTER-
NATIONAL COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

RECALLING GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3514 (XXX) OF 15
DECEMBER 1975, WHICH, INTER ALIA, CONDEMNED ALL CORRUPT PRA-
CTICES, INCLUDING BRIBERY, BY TRANSNATIONAL AND OTHER COR-
PORATIONS, THEIR INTERMEDIARIES AND OTHERS INVOLVED,

RECALLING FURTHER COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2041 (LXI) WHICH
ESTABLISHED AN AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP TO
CONDUCT AN EXAMINATION OF THE PROBLEM OF CORRUPT PRACTICES,
IN PARTICULAR BRIBERY, IN INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL TRANS-
ACTIONS BY TRANSNATIONAL AND OTHER CORPORATIONS, THEIR INTER-
MEDIARIES AND OTHERS INVOLVED, TO ELABORATE IN DETAIL THE
SCOPE AND CONTENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT TO PREVENT
AND ELIMINATE ILLICIT PAYMENTS, IN WHATEVER FORM, IN CONN-
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EXION WITH INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS AS DEFINED
BY THE WORKING GROUP, AND TO SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE ECON-
OMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AT IT SIXTY-THIRD SESSION,

NOTING THE REPORT OF THE AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORK-
ING GROUP SUBMITTED TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AT
THE SIXTY-THIRD SESSION,

1. REAFFIRMS THAT THE FORMULATION OF A CODE OF CONDUCT BY THE COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS SHOULD BE GIVEN THE HIGHEST PRIORITY AND THAT THE CONCLUSION OF AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS SHOULD IN NO WAY INTERFERE WITH OR DELAY THAT PRIORITY;

2. URGES ALL STATES TO MAKE THEIR BEST EFFORTS TO EXPEDITE THE FORMULATION OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT;

3. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO MAKE ADEQUATE PROVISIONS FOR THE NECESSARY MEETINGS OF THE WORKING GROUP ON A CODE OF CONDUCT;

4. DECIDES:

(A) TO CONTINUE TO AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP ON THE PROBLEM OF CORRUPT PRACTICES SO THAT IT MAY COMPLETE ITS TASK;

(B) TO EXPAND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP TO INCLUDE ALL INTERESTED STATES, PROVIDED THAT THE WORKING GROUP SHALL MEET ONLY IF A QUORUM OF FOUR STATES FROM EACH INTERESTED GEOGRAPHICAL GROUP IS REPRESENTED;

(C) THAT THE AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP SHALL MEET AS NECESSARY IN 1977 AND 1978, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE IN NEW YORK, IN ORDER TO COMPLETE ITS TASKS IN UNCLASSIFIED

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ACCORDANCE WITH ITS ORIGINAL MANDATE AS CONTAINED IN COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2041 (LXI);

5. DECIDES THAT THE WORKING GROUP SHOULD DRAFT AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS AND, IN THIS REGARD, CONSIDER ALL THE ISSUES DEFINED BY THE WORKING GROUP IN ITS REPORT;

6. CALLS ON THE WORKING GROUP TO REPORT TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AT ITS SIXTY-FIFTH SESSION AND ALSO TO SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS AT ITS FOURTH SESSION FOR ITS CONSIDERATION AND COMMENTS;

7. RECOMMENDS THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DECIDE, WHEN IT IS DEEMED APPROPRIATE, TO CONVENE A CONFERENCE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN ORDER TO CONCLUDE AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS. END TEXT. VANDEN HEUVEL

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